

**TOWN MANAGER**  
Ken Deal

**TOWN CLERK**  
Amanda Eller

**TOWN ATTORNEY**  
Tom Brooke



**MAYOR**  
Don Bringle

**TOWN COUNCIL**  
Brandon Linn  
Ron Overcash  
Charles Seaford  
Mike Upright  
Lee Withers

## **MINUTES**

### **A regular meeting of the China Grove Town Council**

**Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**China Grove Town Hall**  
**China Grove, North Carolina**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bringle called the meeting of August 2, 2011 to order and welcomed all in attendance to join in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Bringle called roll. All council members were present with the exception of Mr. Linn. There was a quorum. The meeting started at 7:01 pm at the Town Hall.

Mayor Bringle welcomed Jim Behmer and thanked him for being here.

Mr. Withers made a motion to adopt the agenda for the regular meeting of the Town Council on August 2, 2011. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Seaford made a motion to adopt the June 7, 2011 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Upright seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Withers made a motion to adopt the June 21, 2011 budget meeting minutes. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

Mayor Bringle took the time to read a letter from James Solomon. Mr. Solomon wanted to thank the Police Department and the Town for their support and help during the baseball season.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **D) Update on Water/Sewer Transfer to SRU**

Jim Behmer stated that Salisbury Rowan Utilities began operations on July 1, 2011. He stated that SRU has flushed several hydrants to keep the quality of water up. He stated that SRU started mapping the system on May 1, 2011 and they are 98% complete. He stated that SRU is still using the wells and they placed timers on the wells to regulate them better.

Mr. Behmer introduced Jason Wilson, the Utilities Engineering Manager. Mr. Wilson will represent SRU at upcoming meetings and address any questions and issues we may have. He also stated that SRU bills in cubic square feet but will be keeping our customer bills in gallons so the transition is smoother for the customer. He stated that SRU charges a meter fee for water and a meter fee for sewer. He stated that SRU does not send out a second notice. He stated that a drop box will be available inside of Town Hall.

## **II) Patterson Street Speed Limit**

Mr. Deal spoke to the Mayor and Town Council about adopting an Ordinance Amending the Official Traffic Map for China Grove to designate a 35 Mile per Hour speed zone on Patterson Street and Main Street in China Grove.

Mayor Bringle asked for Mr. Deal to speak further with the Town of Landis on establishing a speed limit of 35 miles per hour on the full length Main Street.

Mr. Upright made a motion to adopt an Ordinance Amending the Official Traffic Map for China Grove to designate a 35 miles per hour speed zone on Patterson Street. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

## **III) Stormwater Ordinance**

Mr. Deal spoke to the Mayor and Town Council about approving the Stormwater Quality Management and Discharge Control Ordinance.

Mr. Withers made a motion to approve the Stormwater Quality Management and Discharge Control Ordinance. Mr. Upright seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor Bringle stated that Farmers Day was very successful this year. He thanked the Board of Trade and Mr. Withers for their work to coordinate the event. He thanked Public Works, Police Department, Fire Department and all the volunteers for their work.

Mr. Withers stated he wanted to thank the Town Staff, Public Works, Police Department, and Fire Department for all their hard work with Farmers Day.

Mayor Bringle stated that Mr. Deal submitted the tonnage for July's recycling. The tonnage was almost the same as for the first 6 months of recycling at Public Works.

Mayor Bringle stated that Farmers Market is still open on Fridays but that most of the vendors have been moved to the back.

Mr. Withers stated that we need to make contact with the Beautification Committee and Parks and Recreation committee to have more meetings and use the money that is in the budget.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Withers made a motion to appoint Pamela Mills as Deputy Clerk. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Bringle stated that China Grove is now painted on the Hitachi water tower.

Mayor Bringle stated that several residents have submitted complaints on another resident for running an auto shop on his property. Rowan County has looked into this and he has assured them that is not the case. He stated that Mr. Deal has sent a letter to the resident reminding him of the zoning in his area.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

At 7:50 pm Mr. Sifford made a motion to go into Closed Session for Client-Attorney matters. Mr. Withers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

At 8:10 pm Mr. Upright made a motion to come out of Closed Session. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

There was no action taken.

## **ADJOURN**

Mr. Overcash made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Withers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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**Pamela Mills, Deputy Clerk**

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**Donald E. Bringle, Mayor**